

# The 'Pick List'

## Choosing an Employment Provider in Whitley County



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# How to Use This List

As a client of Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), you are now a part of a team focused on your employment goals. VR has a list of employment service providers located throughout the state. These providers will help you achieve your goals by giving you the supports and services you need—things like help with writing a resume, filling out applications, or on-the-job coaching.

Now that your counselor has determined you are eligible for services, you have the opportunity to select an employment provider in your area. On the following pages, you’ll find the employment providers in your county along with their contact information and a list of services they offer.

Be sure to ask your VR counselor if you don’t know what some of the services are. The services you need will depend on your goals. You may not need all of the services you see listed on the chart.

We encourage you to contact each of the providers on this list. You can call them, set up a meeting, or send an email. Tell them you are a VR client and you would like to talk with them about the services they offer. Take notes so you can compare providers and choose the one that’s right for you. It’s important to select the provider you feel most comfortable working with and the one that you think can best help you meet your goals.

Once you’ve chosen an employment provider, tell your VR counselor. She/he will get things started for you.

**Any questions? Ask your VR counselor!**

My VR Counselor	
Name	
Phone	
Email	

## Providers Located in Whitley County

Address	Contact	Individuals Served	
<b>Pathfinder Services, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 2824 Theater Avenue Huntington, IN 46750  Service Site Location: 128 West Van Buren Street Columbia City, IN 46725	Ashley Bostic (800) 310-9510 abostic@pathfinderservices.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Bi-lingual</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Barriers</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondary</li> <li>Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impaired</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>Unemployed/Underemployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>

## Providers Serving Whitley County

Address	Contact	Individuals Served	
<b>ARC Noble County Foundations, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 506 South Orange Street Albion, IN 46701	Kay Craig (260) 636-2155 kcraig@thearcfoundations.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaf</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Physical Disabilities</li> </ul>
<b>Autism Society of Indiana</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 127 Airport North Office Park Fort Wayne, IN 46202	Samantha Drudge (800) 609-8449 Ext. 14 sdrudge@inautism.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> </ul>	
<b>Benchmark Human Services</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 8515 Bluffton Road Fort Wayne, IN 46809	Carol Telley (260) 207-5616 ctelley@benchmarkhs.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Barriers</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondary</li> <li>Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impaired</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>Unemployed/Underemployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>

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<b>CORE, The Resource Store</b> 839 Northcrest Shopping Center Fort Wayne, IN 46805	Lori Heiges (260) 438-2673 lori@coretheresourcestore.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Bi-lingual</li> <li>• Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>• Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>• Intellectual/ Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Emotional Disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>• Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Speech Impaired</li> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> </ul>
<b>Easterseals ARC of NE IN</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 4919 Coldwater Road Fort Wayne, IN 46825	Taylor Wright (260) 456-4534 Ext. 317 tkwright@esarc.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Bi-lingual</li> <li>• Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>• Chronic Illness</li> <li>• Criminal Background</li> <li>• Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>• Intellectual/ Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>• Homeless Population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Barriers</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> <li>• Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>• Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Speech Impaired</li> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Unemployed/ Underemployed</li> <li>• Veterans</li> </ul>
<b>Globe Star, LLC</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 1621 Broadway Chersteron, IN 46304  Service Site Location: 1422 East Center Street Warsaw, IN 46580	Anthony M. McCrovitz, PhD (219) 921-5492 info@globe-star.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Blind and Visually Impaired</li> <li>• Chronic Illness</li> <li>• Criminal Background</li> <li>• Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>• Intellectual/ Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>• Homeless Population</li> <li>• Legal Barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Illness</li> <li>• Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>• Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> <li>• Speech Impaired</li> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Unemployed/ Underemployed</li> <li>• Veterans</li> </ul>
<b>Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 1516 Magnavox Way Fort Wayne, IN 46804	Randy Wolf (260) 478-7617 Ext. 1019 randyw@fwgoodwill.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>• Intellectual/ Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> <li>• Transition-Aged Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> </ul>
<b>Partners in Autism, LLC</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 3030 Lake Avenue, Suite# 20 Fort Wayne, IN 46805	Tommy Guest (260) 420-9332 tommy@partnersinautism.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Intellectual/ Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Unemployed/ Underemployed</li> <li>• Other: Autism Specialty</li> </ul>

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<b>Prairie Quest, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 4211 Hobson Court, Suite A Fort Wayne, IN 46815	Erin Brady (260) 420-7374 ext. 110 ebrady@pqcworks.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>• Chronic Illness</li> <li>• Criminal Background</li> <li>• Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>• Homeless Population</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> <li>• Non-Ambulatory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>• Post-Secondary</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> <li>• Speech Impaired</li> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Unemployed/Underemployed</li> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• Other: Professionals seeking advanced placements</li> </ul>
<b>Sky Point Social Services, LLC</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 9434 Lima Road Suite C Fort Wayne, IN 46818	Catherine Roberts (260) 492-9334 Ext. 110 catherine.roberts@skypointindiana.com		

# Provider Employment Services

This chart lets you compare providers based on the services they offer.

<b>AT</b> – Assistive Technology	<b>AU Eval.</b> – Audiological Evaluation	<b>BI</b> – Behavioral Intervention
<b>BIN</b> – Benefits information Network	<b>DE</b> – Driver Education & Training	<b>DME Eval</b> – Durable Medical Equipment Evaluation
<b>HM</b> – Home Modifications	<b>MH/C</b> – Mental Health Therapy/Counseling	<b>OT</b> – Occupational Therapy
<b>PT</b> – Physical Therapy	<b>TR</b> – Transportation Training	<b>TT</b> – TABE Testing
<b>TTW</b> – Ticket to Work	<b>VM</b> – Vehicle Modifications	<b>WIPA</b> – Work Incentive Planning Assistance

Provider	Situational Assessment	Job Shadows	Vocational Testing	Work Experience	Job Development/ Placement/ Retention	Job Readiness Training	On-the-Job Supports	Supported Employment	Additional Services
ARC Noble County Foundations, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Autism Society of Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Benchmark Human Services	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
CORE, The Resource Store	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TWE
Easter Seals ARC of NE IN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Globe Star, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN, TTW, TWE
Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
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# Glossary

## Assistive Technology

Any equipment, item, or technology used to improve function and capability.

## Benefits Information Network

A group of Indiana professionals who have been trained in and have knowledge of federal, state, and local benefits and work incentives. BIN liaisons understand the impact of income on long-term supports and services and can advise workers and families on how best to maintain employment while building more financial independence.

## Discovery

An opportunity to explore talents, interests, preferences, capabilities, and ideal work environment in order to identify an appropriate vocational goal. Specific Discovery activities vary based on individual need, but could include vocational testing, job shadowing, or career exploration.

## Home and Wheelchair Modification

Any change to a home or workplace environment that can help an employee get to work or access a job site. Examples could include widening a doorway or creating a keyboard tray for a wheelchair.

## Job Development/Placement/Retention

The process of working with an employer to either identify appropriate jobs and promote an individual with disabilities as a job candidate or help an individual keep a job.

## Job-Readiness Training

The process of assisting clients in identifying goals as well as training strategies designed to help an individual meet them.

## Job Shadowing

The opportunity to visit an employer in the community and observe different jobs.

## On-the-Job Supports

Supports provided in the workplace to help an employee learn and maintain a job. These include the use of a job coach or consultation with an employment specialist.

## Situational Assessments

Activities that give an employment provider the chance to observe an individual in a certain working environment or doing a specific job task.

## Supported Employment

Paid, community-based employment with ongoing supports that can help individuals learn tasks, be included, and keep their jobs.

## Ticket to Work

A free work incentive program from the Social Security Administration for some people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Eligible individuals can assign their “ticket” (not a real paper ticket) to an employment network or to Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services for coordinating job search, placement, and retention services.

## Work Experiences

First-hand, work-based learning opportunities that can help determine individual interests and preferences.